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To: **Medical Director – Los Angeles  
County Mental Health Facility**

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From: **LAC DMH OMD Pharmacy  
Services**

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Re: **Potential Polypharmacy Clients**

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Dear Service Provider

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The DMH information system indicates that the following individuals for whom you are prescribing medication funded by DMH may be taking concurrent prescriptions of two or more highly expensive antipsychotic medications (aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone). As per previous communications, their access to such regimens will be affected by the anticipated PATS edit.

In anticipation of the initiative taking effect, please consider methods of titrating clients towards monotherapy and/or ensuring an ample supply of vouchers or samples for this transition period. Continued full reimbursement for such prescriptions will require approval of the special Treatment Authorization Request. (See attachments for details.) Please note that TARS for continuing multiple atypical antipsychotics will be approved only in specific circumstances. For questions, please contact Department of Mental Health OMD Pharmacy Services, Wayland Chan or Gerald Ko at (213) 738-4725.

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Office of the Medical Director  
Pharmacy Services**

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